
Subject: Re: Can C call the function in IDL?

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"Xiaoying Jin" wrote ...

> "Rick Towler" wrote...

>> "Xiaoying Jin" wrote...

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>>> Can C call the function in IDL? There are some functions build in IDL

>>> very efficient, such as label_region, can I call it in C?

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>> Yes, but probably not in the way that you want to. Callable IDL allows you

>> to call IDL from your C program but in a manner nothing like

>> "IDL_label_region(args);". Check out your options in the External

>> Development Guide, edg.pdf, found in IDL's help directory.

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>> -Rick

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> I checked the External Development Guide. The environment I am working

> with is windows NT or XP. It seems that the simplest way to call C

> from other program in Windows is "Including the IDLDrawWidget ActiveX

> control in an application written in a language other than IDL." I

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> It is easy to do it in Visual Basic. VC++ also support ActiveX. But I

> am not sure if C support ActiveX or not. Any one has some experience

> on that?

I doubt that you can do it in C but no worries, you can do it in C++. Check out the example in the "external/ActiveX" directory in your IDL directory.

-Rick
